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ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL OF ITALY'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE OFFICE
(UIC), ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED IN PARA 2 REFTEL ARE
AS FOLLOWS (ANSWECS KEYED TO QUESTIONS):

(1) IMPORTATION OF ALL GOLD COINS MUST BE AUTHORIZED BY
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TCADE. LEGAL-TENDER GOLD COINS ARE
SUBJECT TO NEITHER TAXES NOR IMPORT TARIFFS. NON-LEGAL-
TENDER COINS PAY A VALUE-ADDED TAX OF 14 PERCENT BUT NO
IMPORT DUTY. MEDALLIONS (I.E., JEWELRY) HAVE FREE ENTRY AND
ARE NOT SUBJECT TO EITMER TAXES OR DUTIES.

(2) MEDALLIONS ARE TREATED DIFFERENTLY FROM COINS AS
INDICATED ABOVE.

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(3) WHETHER COINS ARE LEGAL-TENDER IS TERMINED BY THE MINISTRY
OF TREASURY.HNBASED ON A DETERMINATION OF 1973, ONLY TWO
COINS ARE PRESENTLY CONSIDERED LEGAL-TENDER: THE U.S.
DOLLAR (EAGLE AND DOUBLE EAGLE) AND THE BRITISH SOVEREIGN.

(4) THE SOUTH AFRICAN KRUGGERAND IS, THEREFORE, TREATED AS
A NON-LEGAL-TENDER COIN.HOLMES

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